

REMARKS

Examiner Interview

As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for participating in a telephone interview with the Applicant's representative¹ on May 9, 2007 in which the Examiner agreed to rejoin claims 2-11 and 13-20. The Examiner further indicated that amendments to claims 25 and 29, as suggested by the Applicant's representative, would be entered.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-20 and 25-39 are allowed. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing claim amendments in which claims 3 and 17 are canceled and claim 2 is amended. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, no new search or examination is required. Applicant submits the amendment to claim 2 is necessary for proper disclosure and protection of the Applicant's invention. Applicant did not present the amendment prior to the Notice of Allowance as the claim was withdrawn in response to a previous restriction requirement.

Claim 2 is currently amended to recite that a magnetically inert headset includes a non-magnetic audio transducer. Support for this amendment may be found in examples disclosed in paragraphs 18 and 20 and in FIG. 1A of the specification. In those examples, a non-magnetic microphone 54 is coupled to a headset 50 to enable communication between the headset wearer and another person.

Currently amended claim 2 depends from allowed claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Applicant requests entry of the amendments.

¹ Although the Notice of Allowability (at page 2) and the PTO's Interview Summary indicate that J. Valentino is an attorney, that is inaccurate. Joseph Valentino has assisted the undersigned attorney in representing the applicant, but is not himself an attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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